

Claims

1. A post-foaming cleansing composition comprising at least one anionic
5 surfactant, at least one non-ionic gelling agent and at least one post-foaming agent,
characterised in that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or
greater such that during manufacture, at least 4 minutes after the addition of the post-
foaming agent to the remainder of the composition a viscous gel structure is formed,
said gel structure being retained for at least 12 months following manufacture when
10 stored at 20°C to 25°C.
2. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the non-
ionic gelling agent is selected from any of the following either alone or in
combination:- laureth-2, laureth-4, C12/13 pareth-3, cetareth-4 or oleth-3 or one or
more glycol esters.
- 15 3. A post-foaming cleansing composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-
ionic gelling agent consists of laureth-4.
4. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the non-
ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 8.0% by weight of the total
composition.
- 20 5. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the
composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one
amphoteric surfactant.

6. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.
7. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.
8. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.
9. A method for the manufacture of a post-foaming cleansing composition comprising the steps of:- adding of at least one non-ionic gelling agent to a mixture comprising at least one anionic surfactant such that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater, combining the ensuing mixture with at least one post-foaming agent and filling the mixture into a package prior to the formation of a gel structure, and wherein at least 4 minutes after the addition of the post foaming agent to the mixture a gel structure is formed said gel structure being retained for at least 12 months following manufacture when the composition is stored at about 20°C to 25°C or below.
10. A method according to claim 10, wherein the gel rigidity of the composition remains substantially unchanged for at least 10 minutes after addition of the post-foaming agent to the remainder of the composition.